IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO. 8147 OF 2006

Vikram Sudarshan Kusma ...Petitioner

V/s.

State of Maharashtra & Ors. ...Respondents

Shri Aradhana V. Latne for the Petitioner.

Shri R.D. Rane, Government Pleader, for Respondent Nos.1 to 3.

CORAM : H.S. BEDI, C.J., &
V.M. KANADE, J.

DATED : DECEMBER 12, 2006.

P.C. :-

1. Rule. By consent, rule is made returnable forthwith. Heard parties.

2. The grievance of the petitioner is that his caste claim is pending verification with the respondent No.2 committee and respondent nos.3 and 4 have sought to cancel the admission of the petitioner on the ground that he had not submitted the caste validity certificate within 12 weeks from the date of admission.

3. In these peculiar facts and circumstances, the respondent no.2 committee is directed to dispose of the proceedings regarding caste verification of the petitioner as expeditiously as possible and in any event, within three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. In the meanwhile, the respondent nos.3 and 4 are directed to permit the petitioner to prosecute his studies and appear for future examinations till the decision of the respondent no.2 committee. It is further directed that in case, the decision of the respondent no.2 committee is adverse to the petitioner, the same shall not be given effect to for a period of three weeks from the date of communication of such order to the petitioner.

4. With these directions, Writ Petition is disposed of with no orders as to costs.

CHIEF JUSTICE

V.M. KANADE, J.